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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, JO, US

SUBJECT: KING'S COMMENTS ABOUT EXCESS F-5'S

REF: AMMAN 637

1. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CLEAR UP IN KING'S MIND HIS
FEELING THAT HE WAS SLIGHTED BY USG WITH REGARD TO AN
ALLEGED 40 F-5E AIRCRAFT RECOVERED FROM VIET-NAM AND
CAMBODIA. WE HAVE CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED THE DISPOSITION
OF ALL F-5E'S WITHIN U.S. YOU MAY INFORM HUSSEIN OF
FOLLOWING: EXACTLY 22 RPT 22 F-5E RPT F-5E AIRCRAFT WERE
RECOVERED FROM VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA. ONE OF THESE BECAME
DAMAGED AND WAS JUNKED IN THAILAND. REMAINING 21--ALL
MASF/DAV ITEMS TO WHICH DOD RETAINED TITLE AS EXPLAINED
PARA 2 STATE 6543--WERE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO USAF
INVENTORY AS RESULT OF PRIORITY USAF REQUIREMENTS.
FIFTEEN (15) OF THE 21 HAVE NOW BEEN ALLOCATED TO SPECIFIC
USAF TEST PROGRAM, AND ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF MODIFICATION

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AND UPDATE. REMAINING SIX (6) HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO

SUPPORT OTHER COMMITMENTS. ALL TWENTY-ONE AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY ARE AT A SINGLE AFB WITHIN CONUS, AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN THESE TO WHICH KING WAS REFERRING, SINCE THEY WERE GIVEN SOME MOTHBALLING TREATMENT OF A TEMPORARY NATURE WHILE AWAITING MODIFICATION, UPDATE, AND RE-ASSIGNMENT.

ALL OTHER (I.E., NON-VIET-NAM) F-5'S ARE COMMITTED TO PRIORITY ONGOING OR APPROVED PROGRAMS.

2. WE HAVE NO RPT NO INFORMATION ABOUT ROLE OF AIRCRAFT COMPANIES IN ALLEGEDLY RELAYING INACCURATE INFORMATION TO KING. INGERSOLL

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